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SUBJECT: PROMULGATION OF BRAZILIAN TARIFF CHANGES AFFECTING GATT
BOUND RATES

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1 .SUMMARY: GATT SCHEDULE 3 LIST IS WITH MINISTRY OF
FINANCE AWAITING FINAL DECISION ON ITEMS TO BE EXCLUDED.
EMBASSY BELIEVES DELAY IS RESULT OF INDECISION OVER ITEMS
TO BE EXCLUDED RATHER THAN DELIBERATE STALLING. WE HAVE
CONTINUED TO REMIND SENIOR LEVELS IN GOB OF THIS PENDING
ISSUE, AS THE OCCASION HAS PRESENTED ITSELF, AND WILL CONTINUE
TO DO SO DRAWING ON PARA 2 REFTEL.END SUMMARY.

2. DURING MEETING WITH EMBOFF ON MAY 14, BARTHEL-ROSA, DEPUTY
CHIEF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S TRADE POLICY DIVISION, SAID LIST OF
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SCHEDULE 3 RATES, INCLUDING CONCESSIONS US-BRAZIL ARTICLE

XXVIII AGREEMENT, IS CURRENTLY IN OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AWAITING APPROVAL PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO PRESIDENT FOR PROMULGATION. BARTHEL-ROSA SAID THERE WAS FULL AGREEMENT AMONG MINISTERIAL STAFFS THAT LIST SHOULD BE PROMULGATED SOON BUT AFTER SO MANY FALSE STARTS, HE WAS NOT WILLING TO PREDICT WHEN IT MIGHT HAPPEN. HE INDICATED, AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL, THAT DELAY IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE IS OVER QUESTION OF WHICH AND HOW MANY PRODUCTS ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM CONCESSION LIST. HE SAID IT WAS FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT AIRCRAFT WOULD BE EXCLUDED ALONG WITH SOME OTHER MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS, POSSIBLY CERTAIN CHEMICALS. HE SAID APPLES AND PEARS WOULD DEFINITELY REMAIN ON LIST.

3. BARTHEL-ROSA SAID SOME EXCLUSIONS BY GOB WERE UNAVOIDABLE BECAUSE OF VAST CHANGES IN BRAZIL'S INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT SINCE 1967-70 WHEN CONCESSION WERE NEGOTIATED. HE SAID THAT FINANCE MINISTRY AS WELL AS FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS KEENLY AWARE OF FACT THAT EXCLUSIONS WOULD REQUIRE RENEGOTIATION OF OVERALL PACKAGE AND STATED THAT GOB WAS ATTEMPTING TO MINIMIZE NUMBER OF ITEMS EXCLUDED.

4. DURING CALL OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF CUSTOMS POLICY COUNCIL ON MAY 9, ECON COUNSELOR ALSO RAISED SUBJECT OF GATT LIST NO. 3. GOB OFFICIAL STRESSED TECHNICAL COMPLEXITIES OF PREPARING LIST, PROBLEMS OF CLASSIFICATION AND NOMENCLATURE, AND WAS SOMEWHAT EVASIVE ON HOW SOON LIST WAS LIKELY TO BE PROMULGATED. HE CONFIRMED, HOWEVER, THAT ISSUE NOW REQUIRED A HIGH LEVEL POLICY DECISION ON ITEMS TO BE EXCLUDED. THE COUNCIL HAD RECOMMENDED THAT SEVERAL ITEMS, IN ADDITION TO AIRCRAFT, BE EXCLUDED BUT IMPLIED THAT AIRCRAFT WAS THE MAJOR CATEGORY. LIKE BARTHEL-ROSA, HE SAID THAT APPLES AND PEARS WERE NOT PROPOSED FOR EXCLUSION.
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